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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Policy and Plans Group

FROM : [REDACTED]
Policy and Plans Group

SUBJECT : Liaison with Senior Officials of Other
Government Agencies

REFERENCES : (a) Memorandum from Executive Officer,
DDA, dated 14 January 1977, same
subject

(b) Memorandum from Executive Secretary
dated 10 January 1977, subject:
Agreements and Special Relationships
with Other Government Departments
and Agencies

(c) Memorandum from Director of Security
dated 12 November 1976, subject:
Office of Security Liaison with
Other United States Government Agencies

1. As indicated by the several titles of the references, the Office of Security was not presented with guidelines regarding what was required in the proposed briefing of senior officials of the new Administration. As a result, our memorandum provides a listing of agencies contacted by us or vice versa in the course of routine investigations or National Agency checks, and also identifies specific agencies contacted because of statutory obligation or special requirements. In reference (b) our submissions have been culled and mention only innocuous relationships associated with Compartmented Information, Safety, FOIA and the Privacy Act, GSA Federal Protective Officers and the Bureau of Public Roads. Some of the contacts mentioned do not involve "liaison with senior officials of other Government agencies," and do not qualify for inclusion in the briefings cited in reference (a).

2. It is submitted that briefings should be approached with the assumption that questions will be asked on matters other than those covered in reference (b). Such questions presumably will involve current relationships and agreements as well as past agreements which are no longer valid. Examples are:

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1. AGREEMENT
e. Former or current relationships with the U.S. Park Police or other law enforcement agencies.

f. The agreement with the Department of Justice regarding storage and control of Compartmented Information.

g. Contacts with the Department of State on Counterterrorism. It is noted that the Office of Medical Services claims such contact in reference (b).

h. Liaison with the Department of Justice and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation in counterintelligence cases or in problem cases where a counterintelligence interest may develop.

i. Other than routine contacts with the U.S. Secret Service.

j. Any contact with the LEAA or DEA.

k. Relationship with I&NS.

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3. In effect, it is proposed that the Office of Security be prepared to respond to any questions which raise a question of compliance with EO 11905 and the implementing [REDACTED] even if the issues raised are not the primary responsibility of this Office. In particular, the Office of Security must be able to offer assurance that the "floating authorities" of concern to the Church Committee are not the basis for policy or action, and that our activities are legal and proper. To these ends, it is recommended that the DDA be advised that all matters mentioned in reference (b) may be covered "lightly" and that the Office of Security is prepared to "cover all bases" on "follow-up coverage."

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